

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate and House agreed to the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 1308, Working Families Tax Relief Act.

Senate passed H.R. 4818, Foreign Operations Appropriations.

The House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency, Ayad Allawi, Interim Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq.

The House passed H.R. 2028, Pledge Protection Act of 2004.

House Committees ordered reported 12 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9599–S9656

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2832–2845, and S. Res. 433–434. **Page S9611**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2005”. (S. Rept. No. 108–356)

S. 2484, to amend title 38, United States Code, to simplify and improve pay provisions for physicians and dentists, to authorize alternate work schedules and executive pay for nurses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–357)

S. 2840, to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government. **Page S9611**

Measures Passed:

Foreign Operations Appropriations: Pursuant to the order of September 23, 2004, Committee on Appropriations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4818, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2812, Senate companion measure, which was considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Corzine/DeWine Modified Amendment No. 3671, to make available to the Department of State for the purpose of providing support for the rapid expansion of the African Union mission in Darfur, Sudan, \$75,000,000, to be designated as an emergency requirement. **Pages S9581–85**

McConnell Amendment No. 3680, of a technical nature. **Page S9588**

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3681, of a technical nature. **Page S9588**

McConnell/Leahy Amendment No. 3682, regarding USAID operating expenses. **Page S9588**

McConnell (for Frist) Amendment No. 3683, regarding affordable housing. **Page S9588**

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3684, regarding assistance for Liberia. **Page S9588**

McConnell (for Grassley/Daschle) Amendment No. 3685, to limit the extension of certain credit. **Pages S9588, S9590–91**

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3686, to express the sense of the Senate on the need for international support for the interim government of Haiti. **Pages S9588–89**

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3687, regarding medically accurate information on condom use. **Page S9589**

McConnell (for Byrd) Amendment No. 3688, regarding assistance for Greece. **Page S9589**

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3689, relating to obligations under the United States-Colombian treaty on extradition. **Page S9589**

McConnell (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 3690, regarding a report on global poverty and national security. **Page S9589**

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3691, regarding assistance for Nepal. **Page S9589**

McConnell (for Boxer) Amendment No. 3692, to provide that \$10,000,000 should be made available to reduce the threat that man-portable air defense systems could be acquired by terrorists or by state sponsors of terrorism. **Page S9589**

McConnell (for Dodd) Amendment No. 3693, to provide \$10 million in election related assistance to Haiti through the OAS. **Pages S9589, S9591**

McConnell (for Biden) Amendment No. 3694, to require a report on reform of the education sector in Pakistan. **Pages S9589, S9591–92**

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3695, of a technical nature. **Page S9589**

McConnell (for Coleman) Amendment No. 3696, to urge the President, the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and other appropriate United States officials to work to dissuade member states of the United Nations from supporting resolutions that unfairly castigate Israel and to promote within the United Nations General Assembly more balanced and constructive approaches to resolving conflict in the Middle East. **Page S9589**

McConnell (for Schumer) Amendment No. 3697, to express the sense of Congress on actions of the President to address violations of religious freedom in Saudi Arabia. **Pages S9580–90**

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3698, of a technical nature. **Page S9590**

McConnell (for Schumer) Amendment No. 3699, regarding property taxes owed by foreign countries. **Page S9590**

McConnell (for Ensign) Amendment No. 3700, to express support for the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and political independence of Lebanon. **Page S9590**

McConnell (for Bingaman/Leahy) Amendment No. 3701, making funds available for UNFPA. **Page S9590**

Withdrawn:

Dayton/Reid Amendment No. 3672, to provide an additional \$500,000,000 for economic development in Afghanistan. **Page S9586**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators McConnell, Specter, Gregg, Shelby, Bennett, Campbell, Bond, DeWine, Stevens, Leahy, Inouye, Harkin, Mikulski, Durbin, Johnson, Landrieu, and Byrd. **Page S9594**

U.S. Marshals Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 433, commemorating the 215th anniversary of the United States Marshals Service. **Pages S9651–52**

U.S. Civic Awareness: Senate agreed to S. Res. 434, recognizing and supporting all efforts to promote greater civic awareness among the people of the United States. **Page S9652**

Olympic Games Congratulations: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 427, congratulating the citizens of Greece, the members of the Athens 2004 Organizing Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, the International Olympic Committee, the United States Olympic Committee, the 2004 United States Olympic Team, athletes from around the world, and all the personnel who participated in the 2004 Olympic Summer Games in Athens, Greece, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9652–53**

John Heinz Senate Fellowship Program: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 428, reauthorizing the John Heinz Senate Fellowship Program, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S9653**

Organization for Security and Cooperation In Europe (OSCE): Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 110, expressing the sense of Congress in support of the ongoing work of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in combating anti-Semitism, racism, xenophobia, discrimination, intolerance, and related violence, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9653–55**

McConnell (for Campbell) Amendment No. 3677, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9654**

McConnell (for Campbell) Amendment No. 3678, to propose a substitute to the preamble. **Pages S9654–55**

Suicide Prevention: Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 119, recognizing that prevention of suicide is a compelling national priority, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S9655**

Nonprofit Organization Awards: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3389, to amend the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 to permit Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Awards to be made to nonprofit organizations, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S9655**

Comprehensive Peace In Sudan Act: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. 2781, to express the sense of Congress regarding the conflict in Darfur, Sudan, to provide assistance for the crisis in Darfur and for comprehensive peace in Sudan, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Lugar/Biden) Amendment No. 3679, in the nature of a substitute.

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Working Families Tax Relief Act—Conference Report: By 92 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 188), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for working families, clearing the measure for the President.

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National Intelligence Reform Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, September 27, 2004, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of S. 2845, to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government; that all amendments be related to the subject matter of the bill or related to the 9/11 Commission recommendations.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Buddie J. Penn, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Ryan C. Crocker, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Marcie B. Ries, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania.

Dan Arvizu, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2010.

Steven C. Beering, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2010. (Reappointment)

Gerald Wayne Clough, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2010.

Kelvin Kay Droegemeier, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2010.

Louis J. Lanzerotti, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2010.

Alan I. Leshner, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2010.

Jon C. Strauss, of California, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2010.

Kathryn D. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2010.

31 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

39 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, Navy.

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Measures Placed on Calendar:

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Measures Read First Time:

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Executive Communications:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authority for Committees to Meet:

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Privilege of the Floor:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—188)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 9:56 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, September 24, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9594.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine National Labor Relations Board issues, including whether graduate student assistants are considered employees under the National Labor Relations Act, and the purpose and need for the Board's recognition bar doctrine, after receiving testimony from Robert J. Battista, Chairman, Arthur F. Rosenfeld, General Counsel, and Wilma B. Liebman, Member, all of the National Labor Relations Board; John B. Langel, Ballard Spahr Andrews and Ingersoll, and Christina